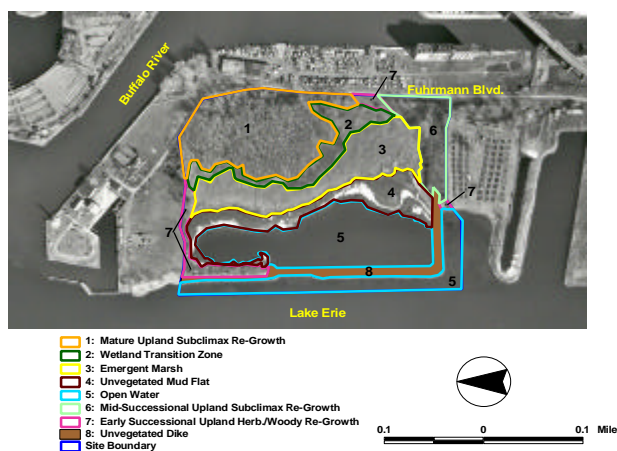


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FEASIBILITY STUDY STATUS: Since the Times Beach Stakeholders last met in late January, we have made considerable progress on the feasibility study. A detailed schedule for the study has been developed and is being used to guide our efforts. In May of 2001, we initiated field work at the Times Beach site. The primary purpose of the field work was to obtain sediment samples, field verify wetland and ecological community boundaries, and conduct a detailed topographic survey of the site.

Times Beach - Updated Habitat Type Map



STUDY OF PUBLIC ACCESS

ALTERNATIVES: In March of 2001, URS Corporation was awarded a contract to develop various alternatives measures for public access ranging from relatively simple trails to more elaborate boardwalks, viewing stations and possible interpretive centers. URS's work is underway and Ms. Barb Brewer of URS recently visited the site with Dr. Robert Andrie to gain his insights concerning public access and nature trail development at the site.

SEDIMENT SAMPLING: In early May, Corps personnel collected over 14 sediment samples from the various habitats at Times Beach. Those samples will be subjected to various

chemical and biological tests. The data will be compared to data collected in the 1980's and will also be used to help determine the relative risk associated with opening up the Times Beach site for public access. We expect that preliminary results from the sediment sampling will be available in late June or early July.



Collecting Sediment Samples at Times Beach, May 2001

FISHING PIER EVALUATION: In response to a suggestion by Mr. MacClennan at the January Stakeholders meeting, we conducted an evaluation of the possibility of constructing fishing piers at Times Beach. Due to the wave and ice climate at Times Beach the pier would have to be a robust structure with a very high deck. Based on preliminary cost-estimates a fishing pier at Times Beach would cost from \$250,000 to \$500,000.



Fishing Pier at Edgewater Marina, Cleveland, Ohio 1991

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING: There are no firm plans for the next stakeholders meeting. Due to the number of ongoing analyses I would expect that the earliest we would meet would be in mid-July.

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